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#### RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed Dec. 27, 2005 in the above-identified application, please consider the following remarks:

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-11 remain pending in the present application. In view of the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable.

The Examiner has rejected each of the pending claims 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,470,346 to Morwood (the "Morwood patent") in view of U.S. Pat. No. 6,385,637 to Peters et al. (the "Peters patent"). (See 12/27/2005 Office Action, p. 2, ¶ 5).

The Morwood patent describes a method for managing and performing computational tasks, wherein the method enables a requesting client to invoke a computation on a remote server. (See Morwood patent, col. 1, II. 28-30). This remote computation process allows the user to export any computationally intensive applications to a server that is appropriate for the execution of that particular application. (See Id., col. 1, II. 50-63). The Examiner correctly points out that the Morwood patent does not disclose that the manager task kills the client task when a client process is not completed in a predetermined time period. (See 12/27/2005 Office Action, p. 3, ¶ 6). However, the Examiner attempts to correct this deficiency with the Peters patent.

The Peters patent describes a method for a timer that is incorporated into a multi-tasking